

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

Inventor(s) : Kinichi OTSUKA *et al.*
Serial Number : 10/685,581
Filed : October 16, 2003
For : WORK VEHICLE WITH TILT FLOOR

CLAIM TO PRIORITY UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 119

The Honorable Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

June 30, 2004


Dear Sir:

The benefit of the filing date of Japanese patent application No. 2003-334158, filed September 25, 2003 is hereby requested, and the priority provided in 35 U.S.C. § 119 is hereby claimed. In support of this claim, the requisite certified copy of said original foreign application is filed herewith.

It is requested that the file of this application be marked to indicate that the applicant has complied with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 119 and that the Patent and Trademark Office kindly acknowledge receipt of this document.

In the event any fees are required, please charge our deposit account No. 22-0256.

Respectfully submitted,
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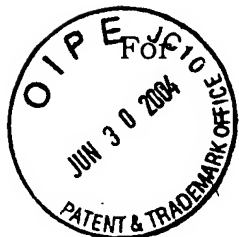
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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER
37 C.F.R. § 1.97 AND 1.98**

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Dear Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 applicant hereby notifies the United States Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached PTO-1449 form and which the examiner may deem relevant to the patentability of the claims in the above-identified application. One copy of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed (1) no later than three months from the application's filing date or (2) before the mailing date of an Office Action on the merits (whichever is later), and therefore no certification under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) or fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is required.

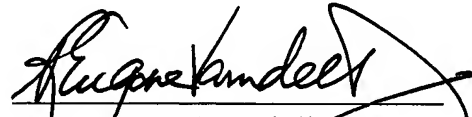
In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for the listed foreign language documents, an English abstract is attached to each of the listed documents. Also enclosed herewith a copy of a corresponding foreign Search Report citing some of the listed documents, together with an English-language version of that portion of the Search Report indicating the degree of relevance (if not already included) found by the foreign office.

It is respectfully requested that the examiner initial or otherwise mark one copy of forms PTO-1449 and forward the same to the applicants indicating that the documents listed thereon have been considered.

The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicant does not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, applicant hereby petitions for an appropriate extension of time. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee therefor, as well as any deficiency in the payment of the required fee(s) or credit any overpayment, to our deposit account No. 22-0256.

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